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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Nobuyuki SHIRIE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 31, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.